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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Experts have indicated that about 95 per cent of all intelligence in peacetime is available from open sources. The collection of this intelligence is centralized under the control of the Assistant Director for Operations, Central Intelligence Group.

Mission

The mission of the Office of Operations is to exploit the overt sources of intelligence for the information of the agencies concerned with national security. The function of the Office of Operations is at present performed by three branches.

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Documents Branch

The Documents Branch taps the intelligence available in official publications of other governments, newspapers and periodicals published abroad, and captured reports of former enemy countries. These documents provide a constant flow to the military services and industry of new information not available from any other source.

Staff - Office of Assistant Director

The Staff of the Assistant Director for Operations plans and coordinates the activities [] This staff analyzes methods for increasing the flow of intelligence from these sources and for developing other fields of exploitation. In addition, the staff of the Assistant Director by constant study of the international situation keeps [] informed of developments in areas affecting national security and probable future requirements for intelligence.

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